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I support adding an amendment to bill #5537 Which is a bill to expand the scope of practice of naturopathic doctor.

Under the present law: Doctors of naturopathic medicine (NDs) are precluded from practicing to the full extent of our Knowledge, Skill and training. NDs are prevented from filling the primary care physician void. And University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine, the only naturopathic school on the east coast, has difficulty meeting its educational and community mission efficiently

What we are seeking: Defined prescription authority. Minor office procedures ie. removal of foreign bodies, superficial wound treatment... Authority to order durable medical equipment.

This modernization would: Improve healthcare access. Improve healthcare continuity. Reduce healthcare costs. Improve coordination of care. Meet primary care needs. Enhance education and training. Create consistency of ND scope of practice across states. Aid in cost of care and time savings for patients and third party payers. Prevent brain drain from CT.

Thank you for your time. Please support this bill and the amendment to it.

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